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NOTE VERBALE DATED 7 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 4 and 6 October 1993, there appear to have been nine flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 894.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(4-6 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
908	4 Oct.	0914	0939	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 30 kilometres north-west of Banja Luka. NATO fighters were sent to investigate and made radar contact. Visual contact was not possible due to cloud cover. AWACS lost radar contact at a point 20 kilometres north-north-west of Banja Luka. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East Slow Low
909 910	4 Oct.	1229	1307	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 30 kilometres west-south-west of Mostar. NATO fighters investigated and made visual contact with two white helicopters. Further identification was not possible. AWACS continued monitoring the two helicopters until contact was lost at a position 12 kilometres south-south-west of Zenica. These flights occurred on the border between areas controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
911	5 Oct.	2014	2042	A NATO fighter made visual contact with a helicopter 4 kilometres south-west of Mostar. The helicopter landed in the south-western corner of Mostar airfield where it was approached by two vehicles. Shortly afterwards, the helicopter took off and landed 5 kilometres north-west of Mostar airfield. Verbal warnings were issued and acknowledged with the following quoted response, "Guys, this is Croatian 2657. Copy this message. We'll be transiting ahead in any case. Thank you." The helicopter then took off and flew to the western section of Mostar, where it was met by one of several vehicles in the area. The helicopter took off again and landed in the south-western section of Mostar. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Low
912	6 Oct.	0930	1415	An approved medical evacuation of an MI-8 helicopter from Pale to Zvornik and return did not adhere to the approved guidelines. Instead of the approved routing, the helicopter left Zvornik at 1102 with three casualties and, according to the pilot, was flying to Belgrade. The helicopter was observed landing at Pale at 1415 with no passengers. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
913	6 Oct.	0950	0953	United Nations military observers observed an MI-8 helicopter landing in a quarry at Vitez. The helicopter remained on the ground for 3 minutes, after which it took off and headed south. This flight occurred on the border between areas controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bosnian Croats.	South Slow Low

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
914	6 Oct.	1026	1036	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying at 4,500 feet, 35 kilometres north-west of Mostar. NATO fighters were sent to investigate but, due to weather conditions, made radar contact only. AWACS lost radar contact 35 kilometres west of Mostar. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South Slow Medium
915 916	6 Oct.	1831	1941	NATO fighters made visual contact with a helicopter landing 30 kilometres north-west of Jablanica and observed vehicles approaching it. At 1852 and 1854, NATO fighters also sighted a second and third helicopter on the ground (within 5 kilometres of the first). At 1900 a fourth helicopter landed in the same region. At 1901 the first helicopter took off and headed north, where it landed 25 kilometres north-north-west of Jablanica. At 1914 the fourth helicopter was also airborne and headed west. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Low